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FOR SCI COUNS ROBERT WILCOX

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SUBJECT:WEATHER MODIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD DISCUSSIONS  
WITH MEXICAN AUTHORITIES

1. THE WEATHER MODIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD WAS ESTABLISHED  
BY THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE IN APRIL 1977 PURSUANT TO  
P.L. 94-490, ENACTED OCTOBER 1976. THE BOARD IS TO  
PROPOSE NATIONAL POLICY AND RECOMMEND, INTER ALIA,  
INTERNATIONAL MECHANISMS DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE CONFLICTS  
WHICH MAY ARISE. THE BOARD WILL REVIEW INTERNATIONAL  
IMPLICATIONS OF WEATHER MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES AND THE  
NEED FOR AND FEASIBILITY OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS  
IN THIS AREA. IN DISCHARGING THE LATTER RESPONSIBILITIES,  
THE BOARD HAS DECIDED IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HOLD  
CONVERSATIONS WITH INTERESTED FOREIGN NATIONALS AND  
SPECIFICALLY THE EUROPEANS, MEXICANS AND CANADIANS. IN  
MID-FEBRUARY, THOMAS MALONE, A BOARD MEMBER, MENTIONED  
THIS TO PETER KRAMER, DEPUTY HEAD OF THE MEXICAN  
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METEOROLOGY SERVICE. IN MID-MARCH HERMAN POLLACK, ALSO  
A BOARD MEMBER, SPOKE TO ROBERT WILCOX ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS  
TO TALK TO THE MEXICANS. THE BOARD IS OF THE OPINION  
THAT ITS PURPOSES WOULD BE BEST SERVED BY A DISCUSSION  
WITH KRAMER RATHER THAN ANY OTHER OFFICIAL OF THE  
METEOROLOGY SERVICE. THE BOARD IS PREPARED TO SEND A  
FEW OF ITS MEMBERS TO MEXICO CITY OR PREFERABLY, TO

FINANCE A TRIP FOR MR. KRAMER TO A U.S. LOCATION, PROBABLY WASHINGTON. THE MOST CONVENIENT DATES FOR THE BOARD PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE MAY 4-5, OR MAY 22-23.

2. THE DISCUSSION, WHICH WOULD NOT BE MORE THAN ONE DAY, WOULD (1) SOLICIT REACTION TO PRESENT BOARD THINKING ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR BENEFICIAL MANAGEMENT OF WEATHER; (2) CONSIDER THE INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF A MUCH MORE VIGOROUS AND CONCENTRATED U.S. ACTION PROGRAM IN THIS FIELD; AND (3) CONSIDER THE DIRECTION AND PACE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN WEATHER MODIFICATION. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS MESSAGE WITH MR. KRAMER, OBTAIN HIS AGREEMENT TO A MEETING WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AND ASCERTAIN HIS PREFERENCE AS TO DATE AND PLACE.

3. FYI. THE WORK OF THE BOARD IS TOTALLY SEPARATE FROM PROJECT STORMFURY, WHICH IS DISCUSSED IN REFTTEL. WHILE STORMFURY COULD EASILY ARISE IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE BOARD AND MR. KRAMER, AND THE BOARD IS FULLY FAMILIAR WITH THE PROPOSAL, YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE IT CLEAR IN PRESENTING THE INSTANT REQUEST THAT THE BOARD TALKS ARE UNRELATED TO STORMFURY. VANCE

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